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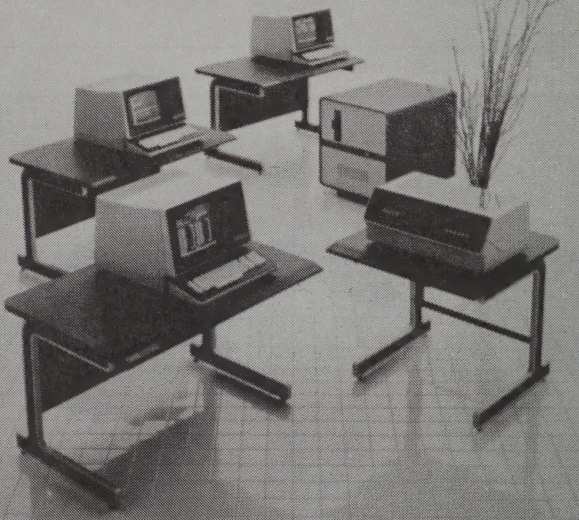

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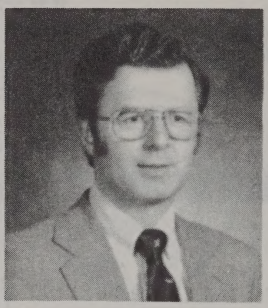

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

PHILIP B. STODDARD, M.D.
President

There was a Special Meeting of the Council of MMS on July 8, 1981 called by 10 Councilors to discuss several issues which had been of great concern. The major precipitating events were 1) the dismissal of John Noonan, Director, Governmental Affairs, 2) Negotiation with Blue Shield re the BC/BS Merger Bill (S.866), and 3) the firing of Warner & Stackpole as legal counsel for MMS.

The meeting was very well attended, lasted 6+ hours and severe-tested the patience of everyone there. In my opinion it was the result of the long time suspicions that our Leadership has and still works hand-in-glove with the Blues, contrary to the expressed mandates of the Council.

President Wyman was brought to task for the three actions.

1) Dr. Wyman explained that the dismissal of Mr. Noonan had been under consideration for sometime. He discussed the reasons in detail. Although the Councilors were unhappy with the action they seemed to accept this management decision.

2) The issue of negotiations with BS re S.866 was made public by President Bixby at the Spring Council Meeting. The purpose was to convince BS to make changes in the bill so MMS could support this merger. This in spite of the Committee on Legislation's opposition to S.866 on several occasions during the 1st six months of 1981. However there was no input of opposition from MMS to the Legislature's Committee considering S.866, and the bill was reported out favorably! This done it stands a fair chance of passage. If it is passed as submitted the "lock in" will be broken. I think the legislature will not permit the removal of the "lock in".

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More detail of this opposition to the Merger Bill is outlined in the MMS Legislative Report, April 6, 1981 as written by Dr. Cilento.

3) Finally, the firing of Warner & Stackpole was perceived as very damaging to our suit against BS. The Council was reassured that this is not the case as all the arguments are in, and we expect a decision from the State Supreme Judicial Court in September. It was pointed out that the firing was based on two major concerns - a) excessive costs - $900,000 so far - and continuing - as the suit has several more stages lasting 3-4 years if we win at each stage, and b) the perception that policy was being influenced by legal counsel.

Yes, costs are high, but at 8,000 MMS members the suit has cost each of us $112.50 over four years. Surely, you have been shorted by BS that much?

And, if we are unable to understand the subtle ramifications of health care bills, and political movements of our adversaries, who is better able to advise us, and thus influence our policy making - than a knowledgable legal firm?

We get what we pay for. I am sorry to see Warner & Stackpole go. They have done well by us for 10 years.

Finally, there is a meeting of District presidents August 19 - long after writing this - about which I'll report to you in the October issue of the Hippocrat. These issues are not dead!

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"A Society Of Physicians" Massachusetts Medical Society, 1981

One of the advantages of selecting Massachusetts as a place to practice medicine during the past 32 years is to have come under the influence of Everett R. Spencer, Jr. The more closely one associates with the Massachusetts Medical Society, the more one realizes the value of his contribution.

Mr. Spencer's career with MMS began in 1949. He has served as Executive Secretary since 1964 with erudition and aplomb. Although he rarely seems to give his carefully researched opinions until they are asked for, his calm wisdom often permeated the actions and decisions of the Society. It is entirely fitting that he should mark the year of his retirement by overcoming his reticence and authoring, "A Society of Physicians," recounting activities of the MMS since its last official history of 1923.

No effort is made to chronicle the period completely, except for a few tabular appendices. This is not the story of the Society but of the people who made the Society. Everett presents a series of vignettes which reveal the "Tenor of the Times" in a candid and not always complimentary fashion. Letters and minutes are liberally quoted, allowing the reader to form his own opinions of the motives of those involved. The episodes are organized into 6 main sections. A brief comment on

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the origin of the Society and its seal brackets a long and frank 1952 report from Dr. John Conlin, the Director of Medical information and Education and Mr. Spencer's initial MMS superior. The Ethics and Discipline Committee is described, with five of its more public cases. The New England Journal of Medicine's five editors from this period are characterized, largely by their own writings. The public relations efforts of the society have been more continuous and conscientious than I realized, but Everett tempers them with such notes as Tom Brown's observations on the Dean of Christ Church. Massachusetts contributions to the A.M.A. are revealed, with a special tribute to Dr. Urban Eversole. A section on legislative activities, both state and national, illustrates how differently problems are perceived as the decades pass. The book ends with two brief sections, one on Massachusetts Blue Shield and one listing selected MMS Council actions alphabetically.

Everett has attracted national attention by publicizing the fact that MMS is the oldest American medical society in continued existence. His account is enjoyable and informative reading. Whether or not you remember the Gallupe plan, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill or the Knowles affair is immaterial. The actors in his scenes are our mentors. We watch our current professional environment evolve through their eyes. No more fitting tribute could be created to Everett's years of service or to the 200th anniversary of our Society.

"A Society of Physicians" is available by sending a check for $25.00 with a request for the book to the New England Journal of Medicine, 1172 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02134. □

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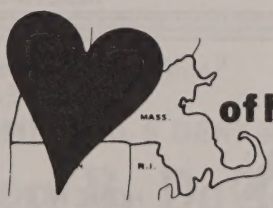

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 1981 in the Conference Room of the Hampden District Medical Society.

Present were Drs: Stoddard, Walthall, Remsberg, Hough, Rich, Ryan, Siragusa, Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Purdy.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was present to present the budget from the Committee on Education and the Library from the Springfield Academy of Medicine. Dr. Carey's report was submitted by Dr. Fitzpatrick. Most hospitals are contributing according to the number of beds. Additional sources of income are being sought. Dr. Stoddard pointed out that there will be increases in dues in 1982 from the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society. Dr. Hough moved that an assessment of $30.00 be sent to Hampden District Medical Society members in view of the affiliation. This was voted in the affirmative by the Executive Committee. Dr. Fitzpatrick was thanked for his report.

The minutes of the April Executive Committee were accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Dr. Shedd was read regarding members in arrears for their dues to the Hampden District Medical Society. The list from Hampden will not be ready by June 1st as Hampden Medical Society was later in billing for dues than the state billing date.

A notification from Dr. Shedd regarding four resignations from the Massachusetts Medical Society will be investigated.

A resignation from Dr. Simpson as Associate Editor of the Hampden Hippocrat was accepted with regrets.

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OLD BUSINESS

An answer from Dr. Munier about state regulation 243 CMR 2.06 which requires that the physician explain in detail to the patient about breast cancer with all available forms of treatment was read. He stated that the sub committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society tried to get it overturned but to no avail. Further work is expected to be done on this regulation. On the communication from Heritage Hall Nursing Home about physicians signing telephone orders on prescriptions, Dr. Munier stated that the Massachusetts Medical Society is opposed but Dr. Frechette, Public Health Commissioner is the authority and writes the regulations for nurses and prescriptions. The Massachusetts Medical Society is trying to work with the health department on this regulation.

No further information has come from Mr. Rosenbaum on the CT portable scanner.

I.C. Systems, Inc. national collection agency was presented to the committee previously. The committee asked Mrs. Purdy to investigate further and this was done. All reports from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Vermont were very favorable. One objection to the collection agency was moral implication of 5% return to the Hampden District Medical Society on each collection. It was agreed to encourage the agency to take a full page ad in the Hampden Hippocrat to inform the members of their services. No further discussion followed this time.

A letter which had been discussed at the last meeting from Dr. Tauber was again read to the committee. Dr. Siragusa has encouraged Dr. Tauber to defer this request and this was considered informational.

A bylaw change presented by Dr. Allan, Chairman was discussed. Chapter 4, Section 2 "There should be at least two other regular meetings." This was approved by the committee and will be printed in the June issue of the Hampden Hippocrat for aproval by the membership at the September meeting.

The committee approved the appointment of Dr. Lovell as Alternate to the Legislative Committee.

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Mrs. Gallivan, President of the Auxiliary presented a logo using the Hampden District Medical Society. The committee approved this. Dr. Stoddard will be holding a meeting with Mrs. Gallivan on activities of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Condon reported there were four winners from Western Massachusetts in the recent Poster Contest of the Massachusetts Medical Society Auxiliary.

Dr. Stoddard brought up the concept of having a "Speaker of the House" for Massachusetts Medical Society Council meeting. There are some objections and this was considered informational.

A suggestion that separate membership in Massachusetts Medical Society, Hampden District Medical Society and the American Medical Association be talked about. This was discussed and will be referred to Dr. Allan, Bylaw Chairman for his opinion.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the Workmen's Compensation rates are not separate from the Medicaid rates.

A proposal of giving members some sort of recognition for 25 years of membership was discussed and approved by the Committee.

Dr. Stoddard suggested that some member study the disposition of any resolutions that Hampden District Medical Society has presented to the Council over the past three years. Dr. Hough volunteered this assignment.

Another letter from Dr. Tauber was tabled. Dr. Hough will get the information on this letter together for presentation at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on June 16, 1981.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 P.M. □

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Timothy H. McSweeney, M.D.

Timothy H. McSweeney, M.D. died on May 21, 1981 in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in North Creek, N.Y. he practiced in Springfield since 1940 after graduating from Union College in New York and receiving his medical degree from Middlesex College of Medicine in 1934.

Dr. McSweeney was a Charter Member of the American College Emergency Physicians and worked at Providence Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

A Veteran of World War II, he received many awards. In a note written by him to HDMS in December of 1977 he stated that he had just received the Fourth Bronze Star for service in W.W. II and "I am quite proud of the accomplishment."

Dr. McSweeney was a member of Massachusetts Medical Society, Springfield Academy of Medicine and Hampden District. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

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Raymond J. Kusiak, M.D.

Raymond J. Kusiak, M.D. died on August 3, 1981 at home.

Born in New York City he practiced Otolaryngology in Springfield since 1973.

Dr. Kusiak graduated from Cornell University and from the University of Virginia Medical School. He had his internship at the University of Kentucky Hospital and his residency in Otolaryngology at Duke University Hospital.

He served with the Army Medical Corps in Germany from 1970-1973. He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Hampden District Medical Society and the American Board of Otolaryngology.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 16, 1981

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 16, 1981 in the Conference Room of the Hampden District Medical Society.

Present were Drs.: Stoddard, Walthall, Remsberg, Siragusa, Rich, Hough, Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Purdy.

CORRESPONDENCE

An answer to a letter sent to Dr. Wyman from Dr. Stoddard was read concerning the S. 866 bill.

Another letter written to Harcomm Associates by Dr. Stoddard was also read as was the answer. Harcomm Associates will be contacting the Hampden District Medical Society about publicity in the area. Mrs. Condon announced that the news media will be present at a program to be held on June 22nd with the winners of the poster contest at the Science Museum.

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Dr. Stoddard read the letter that he will send out to all members of the society as an assessment for the Education and Library Committee. Some suggestions were made for a few changes and these were made. The assessment will be $30.00 per member.

A request from the Executive Committee to Dr. James Allan, Bylaw Chairman, was answered by Dr. Allan. This was about separate membership from the Massachusetts Medical Society. His answer was read and he stated that "there is only one medical society incorporated in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Medical Society. Hampden is a District medical society of the parent and may not be in conflict with the bylaws of the Massachusetts Medical Society". Dr. Allan said that a revision of the bylaws will be done upon the request of the Executive Committee. The committee voted to ask for revision and for Dr. Allan to consider adopting the decimal system.

A resolution from the pediatricians was read. This resolution will be embelished upon by Dr. Hough, the Executive Councilor and sent to the Massachusetts Medical Society for consideration at the October council. A letter will be sent to Dr. Pacosa for the pediatricians to send in more definitive points with goals, priorities, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Siragusa, sent in a position paper on Area Health Planning for discussion. At a meeting for the Massachusetts Medical Society committee on health planning this will be presented to them. This report was considered informational at this time.

A letter was read from the Westover Air Force Base asking for a general surgeon and an orthopedic surgeon to meet its mission requirements. This will be enclosed in the June issue of the Hampden Hippocrat. A letter to Lt. Col. Jones will be sent informing him of this.

The committee discussed workings of the Massachusetts Medical Society and rumors that have been revealed. There is a possibility of a special Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

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ANNUAL MEETING
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The 141st Annual Meeting of the Hampden District Medical Society was called to order by Dr. Siragusa, President of the society at 7:15 P.M. A social hour had preceded the meeting and the usual format was changed. There were 103 members present.

Dr. Siragusa asked the members present to stand for a moment of silence for the eight members who had deceased during the past year.

For the first time in many a year there were no awards for fifty year members of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Although twenty five new members were admitted as members this year only seven were present to receive their certificates of membership. The remaining eighteen will be mailed with a note.

The minutes of the March 3, 1981 District meeting were printed in the April issue of the Hampden Hippocrat and were accepted as printed by the members present.

Since the Treasurer's report was printed in the Newsletter and the dues had been set at the March 3, 1981 meeting the membership approved the report. The Auditors have examined the books and have found them to be in order. The reports are available for inspection in the offices of the medical society.

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Dr. Boss, Chairman of the Medico-Legal Committee gave a short report of the meeting his committee had with Mr. Cassidy of the JUA of Boston. He will chair the committee for the coming year.

The slate of officers for the 1981-82 year was presented by the Nominating Committee Chairman, Dr. Lorne C. Smith. After motion was made and seconded it was voted by the membership to accept the slate as presented by Dr. Smith. The Secretary, Dr. Walthall cast one ballot with unanimous approval.

Announcements were made reminding members of the 200th Annual meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society and also of the Pops Concert at Symphony Hall, Boston commemorating the occasion.

President Siraguas stated that the members should read his President's page in the May issue of the Hampden Hippocrat. He made a few comments about his activities as President during the past year. He thanked the Executive Committee and all committees for the work they have done during the year.

Dr. Siragusa particularly thanked Dr. Walthall, Secretary for his attendance at committee meetings and dedication to the medical society.

Dr. Siragusa asked Dr. Stoddard, President Elect to present a token of appreciation to Vivian Purdy for twenty years of service to Hampden. A gold necklace was accepted by Mrs. Purdy with thanks.

Dr. Stoddard presented Dr. Siragusa, outgoing President with a plaque for his year as President. Dr. Stoddard gave a brief acceptance speech and turned the meeting back to Dr. Siragusa.

Dr. Siragusa introduced Dr. William B. Munier, Executive Vice President of the Massachusetts Medical Society. His topic was "The Massachusetts Medical Society in the 80's". Dr. Munier praised Hampden with the capable leadership this past year of Dr. Siragusa and with the dedication of Mrs. Purdy during two decades.

Dr. Munier gave an excellent review of the many projects that the state society is involved in, legislatively, socially, educationally, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. □

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This annual meeting of the A.M.A. may turn out to be the most significant since 1977 (Interim) when specialty societies were given direct representation in the House of Delegates. Although the House disposed of the usual volume of 78 reports and 158 resolutions, the landmark activity was Report A of the Council of Long Range Planning and Development recommending DIRECT MEMBERSHIP in the A.M.A.

The more mercenary among you may assign greater priority to the decision to increase A.M.A. dues for 1982 to $285 (from $250). But the House passed this quickly, noting that inflation had long since eaten up the last dues increase of 1975. It is expected that annual dues increments of $25 to $30 will be the rule for the future. Medical students and residents will continue to pay nominal dues. Military physicians and doctors in their first two years of practice will get reductions.

Direct A.M.A. membership has been available to a few physicians not eligible for state or county membership. A.M.A. policy has insisted that most doctors should join "organized medicine as a whole," an increasingly expensive package. The apathetic and those disenchanted with local societies opted out of all three - local, state and A.M.A. Despite intensive education, state and local societies have failed to "market" the A.M.A. to the 241,000 non-A.M.A. physicians, of whom 178,000 do not belong to state or county societies. A survey of nonmembers reported that many had **never been asked** to join. The plan accepted in Chicago pledges the A.M.A. to assist state and local societies in their recruitment efforts. But after May 1 each year, the

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The New England delegation strongly supported this recommendation and Dr. Grant Rodkey presented our point of view with eloquence. The "ayes" prevailed without challenge. Needless to say, strong voices complained that the A.M.A. was undermining the local societies which would suffer great loss of membership. The next day a move to reconsider lost by 146 to 92. It was noted with concern that this lacked the two-thirds majority needed to pass the necessary by-law change. Nevertheless, the new by-laws were prepared for the following day. They were adoped 196 to 59 and next year you can join the A.M.A. directly (unless the House reverses its position at the December meeting).

Along with the dues increase, the Board of Trustees recommended significant reduction and reorganization of A.M.A. structure. The House accepted that inflation prevents continuing many current programs, but rejected a "bare bones" budget. A middle-of-the-road package was approved, keeping 1981 budgeted expenses at the 1980 level and allowing about 10% increase for 1982. Despite many objections, the Council on Continuing Physician Education was discontinued, 140 to 110. This must be ratified by a two-thirds majority at a later date. However, the Council For Long Range Planning and Development was saved from extinction after spirited debate, again spear-headed by New England.

A number of other recommendations of the Board of Trustees were defeated, including the admission of six more specialty societies. There is no question that the A.M.A.'s commitment to democratic representation must include specialty society input, but how to do this in an equitable fashion is proving very difficult.

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The election and installation of officers was subdued by President Hunter's acute G-I hemorrhage and Dr. William Rial's uncontested selection as president-elect. Dr. Daniel Cloud was inaugurated and said many of the same things he enunciated at our District Meeting in March. Many capable candidates for elected councils lost to others whose positions were more consonant with the majority of delegates.

Those of you who have read my previous reports know my enthusiasm for the A.M.A. and my desire to represent you in its deliberations.. We need the A.M.A. to research problems in delivery of medical care, devise solutions, and advocate our positions. The A.M.A. needs us for our financial support and our thoughful input. Governmental regulations may exceed scientific limitations in blocking the delivery of medical care, but our greatest antagonist is not the government. It is our own apathy. "We have met the enemy and he is us." Organized medicine has developed the mechanism to support our ideas and our desires. You can - should - must join and participate. That is the lesson of the 1981 Annual Meeting. □

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"THE SOCIETY DOESN'T REPRESENT ME!"

No two people agree on everything all of the time. Physcians, like most other people, often only dwell on the "disagreements" and "differences of opinion" that exist between themselves and other physicians. Look at the issues and concerns we do agree on -- there are many if you stop to think about it. Let's work to expand this common ground of agreement from within the society or association. Together, we can improve patient care and benefit the entire medical profession.

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"THE SOCIETY AND ASSOCIATION DON'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME"

The society and association work for the benefit of the entire profession. YOU BENEFIT when we push for seat belt safety, conduct peer review, testify some 40 times each year on legislation affecting your ability to practice medicine, and contribute 36,000 volunteer physician man-hours each year to review, discuss, debate, investigate, and implement the many health issues, concerns and programs in this community.

I'M JUST NOT A JOINER!"

It's nice to be individualistic -- but, realistically, in today's world, there has to be some organized body pushing and fostering the legitimate interests of any profession. Whether you join out of professional responsibility -- whether you join out of curiosity -- whether you join out of anger at what exists -- whether you join out of the need for protection -- the issue of "joining" because you ARE or ARE NOT a "joiner" is really moot.

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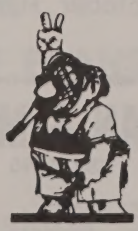

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Dr. Donald Hayes, Past President of HDMS calls the office now and then to find out how things are going. Dr. Hayes is a"gentleman farmer" in New Hampshire. Nice to hear from old friends,

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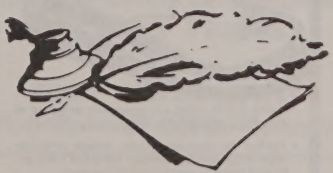

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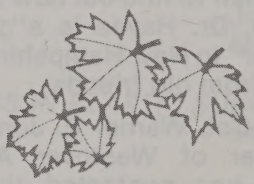

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All winning entries were on display at the Science Museum at the Quadrangle in June and July, at a time when more than 500 people were able to view them. Local co-ordinators for the contest included: Helen Gallivan, President of the Auxiliary; Ginny Walthall, Education Chairman; and Jane Condon, immediate past-president of the Massachusetts Medical Society Auxiliary.

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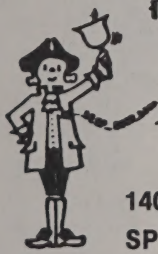

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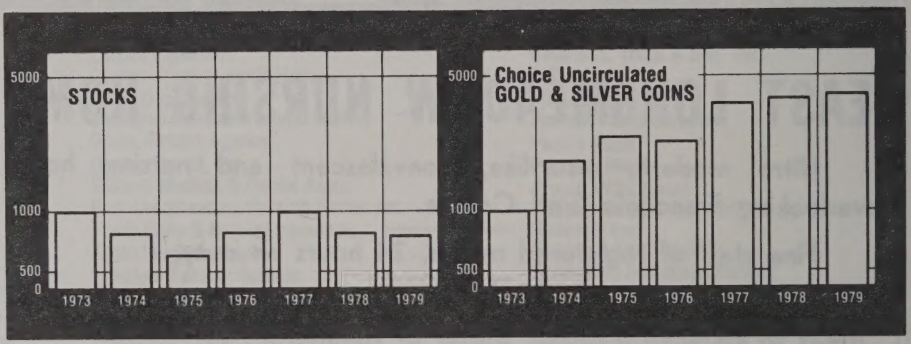

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